

## **SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO THE HOSPICE METHODOLOGY**

1. DEFINITIONS: These changes are recommended by the Arkansas Hospice Association. The language is generally accepted as definitions in the hospice community.
2. Section I.A.2. The percentage of non-cancer deaths used to calculate Hospice need is changed from 10% to 15%. This Agency has surveyed Hospices in Arkansas, and as a result, have found that the hospices actually serve 13% of non-cancer patients. The percentage is increased to 15 because we predict need five years in the future and this allows for growth.
3. All other changes are clean up language, and do not change the substance of the rule.